others raised Asif Raja Ansari commando force for the purpose of the operation. All the aforesaid terrorist groups are reported to have close links with the ISI.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Crash course for Police Officers to deal with hostage crisis**

1102. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has contemplated to send a team of senior police officers to the US for crash course on how to deal with hostage crisis;

(b) if so, whether Government has studied the success rate of the US dealing with hostage crisis in its own land;

(c) if so, the number of incidents took place in the US in a decade and the rate of success achieved;

(d) whether our police are incompetent to deal such situation in the country; and

(e) the total amount of foreign exchange going to be incurred for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (e) 21 officers drawn from various Central Police Organizations/States Police were deputed for a training programme on Hostage Negotiation held at Socorro, New Mexico, USA from 7th — 18th January, 2002. This course was fully funded by the host country.

As regards success rate *etc.* in the USA, no such study has been made. Our police personnel are fully competent to deal with such situation in the country. However, training is desirable for enhancement/refinement of capabilities of our law enforcement officers.